



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Educators

FROM: Steve Griffin and Nancy Wolfe
Social Studies Specialists
Office of Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: November Announcements

DATE: November 3, 2008

“What Indiana Means To Me”

Fourth Grade Student Essay Competition

The Indiana State House Tour Office is sponsoring an essay competition in conjunction with “Indiana Statehood Day,” a celebration of Indiana’s 192nd birthday. The ceremony will take place December 11, 2008, from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. in the Indiana State House.

Competition Rules:

- The competition is open to any Indiana 4th grade public, private or home school student.
- Essays need to range from 100 to 400 words, handwritten or typed.
- Essays must include student’s name, teacher’s name, and the school’s name, address, and telephone number.
- Essays should convey what living in the state of Indiana means to the student. What are the things that make the student glad that he or she is a Hoosier?
- **Essays must be submitted by November 7, 2008.**
- Send essays to:
Jennifer Hodge, Coordinator, State Capitol Tour Office,
200 W. Washington St. Room 220
Indiana State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
For more information call 317-233-9830.
- Judges will choose first, second, and third place winners.
- Winners will be notified the week of November 24, 2008.

The first place winner will be invited to read his or her essay at the December 11th ceremony!

National Endowment for the Humanities: Picturing America Resources

Picturing America, an exciting new initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities, brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries nationwide. Through this innovative program, students and citizens will gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history and character through the study and understanding of its art.

The National Endowment for the Humanities recently **extended the deadline (to November 14)** for the second round of Picturing America applications. This initiative promotes the study, teaching, and understanding of U.S. history and culture by introducing students and the general public to America's art treasures. It supplies schools and public libraries with free, high-quality reproductions of 40 great American works of art (approximately 24" x 36" in size) and an illustrated teacher resource book with notes for all grade levels. The materials will be delivered in spring 2009. For more information, please go to <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>

National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) Teaching about Asia seminar

This spring the East Asian Studies Center (EASC) at Indiana University will hold a National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) Teaching about Asia seminar in Muncie, Indiana. Generously funded by the Freeman Foundation, the NCTA seminar is a no-cost professional development program for teachers of grades 6-12 in world history, world cultures, and world geography. We also consider educators in the arts, literature, and East Asian languages on a case-by-case basis. This 11-week/33-hour seminar provides a broad overview of the history and cultures of China, Japan, and Korea and gives teachers the opportunity to discuss classroom applications and resources. Those who successfully complete the seminar will receive a \$500 personal stipend and a \$300 resource-buying grant for their school. They will also be eligible to apply for a very low-cost, sponsored summer NCTA study tour to East Asia. Graduate credit from Indiana University is available for those who are interested. More details are available online at <http://www.indiana.edu/~easc/outreach/educators/seminar/index.shtml>.

We are recruiting teachers in the area now. You can also download the application form at <http://www.indiana.edu/~easc/doc/2009%20Fillable%20Application%20Form.pdf>. The application **deadline is December 1, 2008** or until the seminar fills. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so we encourage teachers to apply as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact Qiong Jiang at jiang3@indiana.edu, or call 812-855-9319 if you have any questions

The Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education 2008 Call for Applications

The Goldman Sachs Foundation and Asia Society are seeking applications for the 2008 Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education. The prize program was created in 2003 to raise awareness of the growing importance of international knowledge and skills for U.S. students and annually awards prizes totaling \$150,000 in five different categories.

Applications for the elementary/middle school, high school, district/state, and media/technology prizes are due **Monday, December 1st, 2008**. For more information and to access the online application, please visit <http://asiasociety.org/gsfprizes>.

The 2008 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Elementary/Middle School (\$25,000)

An elementary or middle school that engages all or most of its students in learning about other world regions, cultures and languages.

High School (\$25,000)

A secondary school that engages all or most of its students in learning about Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Middle East, or about international affairs through its curriculum and through partnerships with other countries or local organizations.

District/State (\$25,000)

A state or one of the 100 largest school districts that is actively promoting the development of international knowledge and skills on a wide scale through the creation of robust policies and specific programming initiatives.

Media/Technology (\$25,000)

A program within a U.S. based public or private for-profit or non-profit organization that has developed outstanding programs that use media/technology to educate students or teachers about other world regions and cultures, or international issues.

Youth (Up to \$10,000)*

Five high school students who demonstrate an in-depth understanding of key issues in international affairs and the global economy.

* Please note that the 2008 Youth prize competition is now closed. Winners for the Youth prize will be announced in November 2008. Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

Sincerely,
The Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes Team

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS (GRADES 7-12): "STATES, NATIONS, AND NATION-STATES"

- Is *GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD* in your future?
- Are you more knowledgeable about Western Europe than Inner Asia, East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin American and the Caribbean, or Russia and Eastern Europe?
- How can you make *GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD* standards work in the classroom?

Subject-matter specialists from IU-Bloomington's Title VI Area Studies Centers will present content related to "*States, Nations, and Nation-States*." A teaching methods specialist will provide creative teaching ideas for your *GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD*, world history and civilization, or world

- Hear experts on Russia and Eastern Europe, East Asia, Africa, Inner Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

- Learn the latest instructional practices
- Come away with solid content knowledge and classroom tested techniques.
- Reap the benefits of using resources developed by IU's nationally recognized area studies faculty
- Focus on Standard 10 of the Geography and History of the World Standards — *States, Nations, and Nation-States*

Workshops to be held on the following dates and locations:

Indiana Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, IUPUI, Indianapolis — November 6

Wilson Education Service Center, Charlestown, IN — November 12

West Central Indiana Education Service Center, Greencastle, IN — December 3

Scholarships, pay for substitute teachers, and continuing education credit available

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: TERRY MASON: tmason@indiana.edu or 812-855-0172

Enhancing the Deliberation Process Using Primary Sources.

Educators interested in how to use Library of Congress digital primary source materials, please contact program coordinator Susan Garcia at 812/855-1638 or gloutrch@indiana.edu to attend one of the following professional development workshops (no registration fee, free lunch and parking):

- * November 3rd, 9am - 12:00pm, Charlestown, IN (geared toward elementary school educators)
- * November 13th, 9am - 3pm, Indianapolis

Participants will receive training on how to use Library of Congress digital primary source materials with the deliberation process (primer on deliberation included). Certificate of Participation, signed by the Assistant Director of the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change, provided upon workshop completion. This program is provided for the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change and the Illinois State University Midwest Center for Teaching with Primary Sources.

Indiana students invited to create ornaments for Reed's Reading Tree

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed invites students across Indiana to create an ornament for Reed's Reading Tree. Schools are encouraged to use this fun activity for students to apply their reading skills, artistic abilities and creativity at the same time. A selection of student ornaments will be displayed at the Indiana Statehouse during the month of December.

Any ornament ideas that incorporate art and reading are acceptable, but the following are offered for consideration:

- **Lincoln Bicentennial:** Indiana is honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday (February 12, 2009) with a bicentennial celebration that started in February 2008 and continues through 2010. Students

ornaments could illustrate an event they read about from a selection on the Lincoln Book List (see www.doe.in.gov/lincoln).

- **Learn Green, Live Green:** Dr. Reed made it a priority to “go green” in 2008, and has encouraged students and schools across the state to do the same. Students can learn about and depict one of the many green initiatives featured online at www.doe.in.gov/green.
- **Reading List:** Have students draw a scene or character from a book on the 2008 Holiday Reading List (www.doe.in.gov/readingtree) or another favorite book or story.

Student ornaments should be no larger 5” x 5” x 5”, be made of mostly recycled materials such as leftover ribbons, recycled paper, old yarn, empty and cleaned aluminum cans, etc. and include a hanging loop. For more details, including specific guidelines and an entry form, visit www.doe.in.gov/readingtree.

WHO: Indiana students

WHAT: Create an ornament for Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed’s Reading Tree.

WHEN: All student ornaments must be **postmarked no later than December 3, 2008** and follow necessary guidelines. See attachment for details.

WHERE: Mail entries to:
Indiana Department of Education
ATTN: Reed’s Reading Tree
Statehouse, Room 228
Indianapolis, IN 46204

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

The annual *John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest* invites high school students from across the nation to write an original essay about an elected official who has demonstrated political courage. The contest is a companion program of the **Profile in Courage Award**, named for President Kennedy’s 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Profiles in Courage*, which recounts the stories of eight senators, the obstacles they faced, and the special valor they demonstrated despite the risks.

The contest is open to United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools; U.S. students under the age of twenty enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories; and U.S. citizens attending schools overseas. Past winners and finalists are not eligible to participate. Employees of Fidelity Investments and members of their families are not eligible to participate.

Winning essayists will receive awards totaling up to \$8,500. The first-place winner will be invited to accept the award at the Profile in Courage Award Ceremony hosted each May by Caroline Kennedy and Senator Edward M. Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. To encourage student leadership and civic engagement, the nominating teacher of the first-place winner will receive a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant for \$500.

Essay submissions will be accepted starting September 1, 2008. The deadline for the contest is Saturday, January 10, 2009. Further information regarding eligibility and requirements can be accessed at <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs>

State Holiday Tree Trim

Dear Third and Fifth grade teachers:

This year at the State House, as in the past, we will receive a large coniferous tree to be placed in the Rotunda. Your assistance is requested in helping decorate this special tree. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Troops". We ask that each student make their own ornament designed with this year's theme in mind. Arrangements will be made to hang the ornaments on the state's tree.

Ornaments:

- Ornaments should be no larger than 8 square inches.
- Ornaments can be either two or three-dimensional.
- Any feasible materials are acceptable – paper, poster board, papier-mâché, pipe cleaners, wood, yarn, photographs, etc.
- No Breakable or Perishable Items, please.
- A hook or way to hang the ornament from a branch should be attached.
- Ornaments will not be returned.

Delivery:

After students have made their ornaments, they can be delivered or mailed to:

State House Tour Office
200 West Washington Street, Room 220
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Ornaments must arrive by December 12th in order to be placed on Indiana's Holiday Tree. Please write on the exterior of the box "Holiday Tree Ornaments and Greetings."

The official **State Holiday Tree Trim will take place on Tuesday December 16th**. The kick off program will be held at 12:00 noon in the State House Rotunda. Festivities will include the official tree trimming by the children, special guests including the First Lady of the State and holiday music. You can make arrangements to attend this program through the State House Tour Office at (317) 233-5293. Schools will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis, so please make your arrangements early.

We certainly hope your school will join us in this fun and educational project; we look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes for a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

First Lady Cheri Daniels
And the
2008 Tree Trim Committee